

**DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION
RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY**

**3 CAPITOL HILL
CONFERENCE ROOM # 401
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2015
8:00AM**

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Carleton Cappuccino, DMD, Chairman
Stephen Puerini, DMD, Vice Chairman
Russell Chin, DDS
Caroline Danish, DDS
Jeffrey Dodge, DMD
Martin Elson, DDS
Kerri Friel, RDH, COA, CDA, MA
Eric George, DMD
Louis Marciano, BS, M.Ed.
Martin Nager, DMD
Susan Perlini, RDH, BS
Robert Ricci, Ph.D.
Maryellen Simas, RDH

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Donald Williams, Secretary

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Amy Coleman, JD
Donna Costantino, MBA
Robert O'Donnell, MS
Nicole Alexander-Scott, MD, MPH
Rosemary Sheets

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

James Balukjian – DDRI
Robert Bartro – RIDA
Marie Jones – Bridges – RIDHA
Pam Coletti – RIDAA / CCRI
Christy Durant – RIOMS
Cynthia Farrell – Thundermist Health Center
Rebecca Kislak, JD – RIHCA
Diane Monti-Markowski – BCBSRI

1. Establishment of a Quorum

A meeting of the Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry was held on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room # 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called to order at 8:00AM on a motion by Eric George, DMD, and seconded by Louis Marciano, BS, M.Ed. The Board voted unanimously to open. Motion carried.

2. Public Comment

Cynthia Farrell of Thundermist Health Center spoke in regards to the difficulty of getting a license in the State of Rhode Island because of all the paperwork and approval by the Board of monthly basis. Ms. Farrell spoke about two applications which were submitted pending submission of National or Regional Board Examinations results. One of the applicants results were received the day of a Board meeting and the applicant had to wait to the following month to be approved.

3. Presentation of the April 8, 2014 Open Session Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Kerry Friel, RDH, COA, CDA, MA, and seconded by Susan Perlini, RDH, BS, to accept the Open Session minutes for the Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry, Dentistry Examining Committee and Dental Hygienist Examining Committee for April 8, 2015. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as presented. Motion carried.

4. Chairperson's Report

• Communications

Chairman Carleton Cappuccino, DMD, discussed the letter that was sent to him from the Council of Interstate Testing Agencies (CITA). A discussion was made on the interpretation of what is and the difference between CITA, ADEX, CDCA, SRTA and NERB (DBA) exams. It was requested that language changes for Dental be discussed at the next meeting and be placed

on the agenda. Wording to be used for a Public Hearing for such topics as CITA requirements for dental and Perio examination requirements for licensure.

Motion was made by Stephen Puerini, DMD, and seconded by Martin Nager, DMD, to allow Nicole Alexander-Scott, MD, MPH, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Health to speak out of order because of her schedule. The Board voted unanimously to approve. Motion carried.

Dr. Alexander-Scott spoke to the Board on several issues including appointing a Dentist as a Part-Time Administrator for the Dental Board. Dr. Alexander-Scott stated the position would not have to a MPH Degree and it would be separate from the Director of Oral Health. Many of the Board members had concerns that the new Administrator should be more than 20 hours a week as the present Board Manager spends most of his time working for the Dental Board. Board members were concerned as to what will happen to the present Board Manager as he has done an outstanding job with his duties and responsibilities in running the Board. Dr. Alexander-Scott stated that nothing would happen with the Board Manager.

5. Old Business

- **Moderate Sedation, Deep Sedation/General Anesthesia Office Evaluation Forms** – Martin Elson, DDS, had updated Board on moving forward on evaluations forms he is working on.

Possible candidates to assist the Board with anesthesia Inspection process were discussed. A motion was made by Martin Nager, DMD, and seconded by Kerri Friel, RDH, COA, CDA, MA, to accept the following dentist to assist in inspecting facilities with Board members. The Board voted unanimously to approve. Motion carried.

- Stephen N. Bakios, DDS
- Steven A. Brown, DMD
- E. Joseph Domingo, DDS
- John E. Duhaime, DMD
- Dante E. Gulino, Jr., DDS
- Brain P. Hogan, DMD

6. New Business

- A discussion on Department Staff assigned to Board of Examiners in Dentistry by Donna Costantino informed members of the Roles and Responsibilities of employees assigned to assist the Board.

- A discussion on updated application checklist by Donna Costantino and Rosemary Sheets on AADE requirements, NPDB requirements, interstate verification of licenses, and notifications of approval and denial of license. A motion was made by Martin Nager, DMD, and seconded by Kerri Friel, RDH, COA, CDA, MA, to (1) NOT require applicants to require AADE as it is not required by Regulations or Statutes and (2) NPDB is not in Regulations for some to be license, but the Board would request they be added as a requirement. The Board voted unanimously to approve. Motion carried.
- Licensing Process of Dental Board applications was discussed by Donna Costantino.
- Thundermist Health Center Letter – A discussion on provisions from other states as well as the role of the Board to determine if exams are equal. The Board felt that it is not the role of the Board to determine what testing is equal to another as they are not qualified to make that decision.
- **Review and Approval of Applicants for:**

Stephen Puerini, DMD, announced to all Board Members present that the Examining Committee for applicants applying for licensure as a Dentist, Dental Anesthesia Permits, Dental Anesthesia Facility Permits and Volunteer Dentists had met on this date at 7:45AM and reviewed the applicants and recommend they be approved for licensure in:

Dentist Licensure:

- Gary Galovic
- Kun Hyung Kim
- Rachel King
- Dianne Panes
- Joetta Steward

Volunteer Dentist:

- Rosalia Gallo
- Elissa Heard
- Eliot Paisner
- Lisa Peterson
- Mary Terkoski
- Lisa Vouras
- Randy Weiner
- Cynthia Yered

Dental Anesthesia Permits:

- A committee has been formed to do inspections and has begun to work on the requirements to what is needed at each level for Nitrous Oxide Analgesia, Minimum Sedation, Moderate Sedation and Deep/General Sedation in facilities. The Committee is in the process of scheduling inspections.

Motion was made by Caroline Danish, DDS, and seconded by Susan Perlini, RDH, BS, to approve the list of applicants for Dentist Licensure. Board voted unanimously to approve. Motion carried.

Maryellen Simas, RDH, announced to all Board members present that the Examining Committee for applicants applying for licensure as Dental Hygienists Licensure, Dental Hygienists Local Anesthesia Permits, and Volunteer Dental Hygienists had met this date at 7:45AM and reviewed the applicants and recommend they be approved for licensure in:

Dental Hygienists Licensure:

- Stephanie Howells
- Annie Kurtz

Volunteer Dental Hygienists

- Luanne Chester
- Katherine Do
- Joyce Gannon-Vigeant
- Vanessa Morrisette
- Holly Nagle
- Jamie Pacheco

Dental Hygienists Anesthesia Permits

- Jennifer Bedard (Local)

Motion was made by Robert Ricci, Ph.D., and seconded by Eric George, DMD to approve the list of applicant for Dental Hygienists, Dental Hygienists Local Anesthesia Licensure, and Volunteer Dental Hygienists. Board voted unanimously to approve. Motion carried.

7. Adjourn of Closed Session

Motion was made by Stephen Puerini, DMD, and seconded by Louis Marciano, BS, M.Ed., to adjourn to Closed Session at 10:30AM. Pursuant to Sections 42-

46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(4) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct.

8. Return to Open Session

Motion was made by Martin Nager, DMD, and seconded by Maryellen Simas, RDH, at 11:40AM to re-open the Open Session and to seal the Minutes of the Closed Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4, 42-46-5 and 42-46-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Board voted unanimously to approve. Motion carried.

9. Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session

Three (3) cases were found to have No Unprofessional Conduct.

10. Adjournment

The next Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 3, 2015, 8:00AM at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made by Martin Nager, DMD and seconded by Robert Ricci, Ph.D., to adjourn at 11:45AM. Board voted unanimously to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert E. O'Donnell, Jr.
Board Manager
Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry